

**From:** James Malinowski  
**To:** Ms. Renata B. Heese  
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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement (Support)

Dear Ms. Heese:

I am writing in support of the recent settlement of the long-running antitrust lawsuit between the U.S. Department of Justice, state attorneys general and Microsoft Corporation. Though I applaud the nine state attorneys general that decided to follow the federal government's lead and settle the case, I am thoroughly disappointed that remaining state attorneys general and the District of Columbia have decided to further pursue this baseless case.

The settlement is fair to all. It will allow Microsoft's competitors to use Microsoft's Windows operating system to incorporate their software programs and will give consumers more services and products to choose from.

I have been a user of computer equipment my entire career as an Electrical Power Professional Engineer and have profited in many professional and personal ways from the personal computer revolution. Microsoft has been the leader in this revolution providing wonderful products at very reasonable prices. The most wonderful product was DOS and Windows which provided standardized platforms for development of many wonderful and powerful user programs.

Once again, I thank you for your decision to settle this unfortunate lawsuit against a successful and innovative company.

Respectfully,

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